

# House File 129 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act to require proof of financial liability coverage upon  
2 registration of a motor vehicle and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1767HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If the vehicle is a motor vehicle, the  
1 4 owner shall certify on the application that financial  
1 5 liability coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle and  
1 6 provide a description of the financial liability coverage as  
1 7 noted on the proof of financial liability coverage card issued  
1 8 for the motor vehicle. The owner shall notify the county  
1 9 treasurer when the insurance carrier or other source of the  
1 10 financial liability coverage changes within thirty days of  
1 11 obtaining the new coverage. The application provided by the  
1 12 department shall include a statement for the applicant to sign  
1 13 that acknowledges the applicant's knowledge of the requirement  
1 14 to notify the county treasurer of a financial liability  
1 15 coverage change. A person who falsely certifies as to  
1 16 financial liability coverage required under this section or  
1 17 section 321.40 commits a simple misdemeanor. A person who  
1 18 fails to notify the county treasurer of a change in financial  
1 19 liability coverage as required pursuant to this paragraph  
1 20 commits a simple misdemeanor if the person's motor vehicle is  
1 21 operated on the highway after the thirty-day notification  
1 22 period has lapsed.

1 23 Sec. 2. Section 321.30, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
1 24 the following new subsection:

1 25 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. The department or the county  
1 26 treasurer shall refuse registration of a motor vehicle if the  
1 27 owner does not provide satisfactory certification that  
1 28 financial liability coverage is in effect for the motor  
1 29 vehicle.

1 30 Sec. 3. Section 321.40, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
1 31 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

1 32 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A form for certification of  
1 33 financial liability coverage shall accompany each renewal  
1 34 statement sent to the owner of a motor vehicle under this  
1 35 section. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the  
2 1 registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant does not  
2 2 submit certification of financial liability coverage in effect  
2 3 for the motor vehicle.

### EXPLANATION

2 4  
2 5 This bill requires the owner of a motor vehicle to certify  
2 6 that financial liability coverage is in effect for the vehicle  
2 7 at the time the vehicle is registered and each time the  
2 8 registration is renewed. If the insurance carrier or other  
2 9 source of the financial liability coverage changes, the owner  
2 10 of the motor vehicle has 30 days in which to notify the county  
2 11 treasurer of the change in coverage. The owner of the motor  
2 12 vehicle can be charged with a simple misdemeanor if the owner  
2 13 fails to provide timely notification of a change in coverage  
2 14 and the motor vehicle is operated on a highway. In addition,  
2 15 a person who falsely certifies as to financial liability  
2 16 coverage required for registration or renewal commits a simple  
2 17 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by  
2 18 confinement for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65  
2 19 but not more than \$625 or by both.  
2 20 LSB 1767HH 82

